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The earliest information the publisher is yet able to obtain of the origin of the New England Primer, is contained in an ADVERTISEMENT, found in the extract below, copied from an Almanac now in the Massachusetts Historical Society's Library, in Boston.

IRA WEBSTER.

Boston, August 9th, 1844.

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## ALMANACK

Containing an Account of the *Cælestial Motions*,  
Aspects, &c. For the year of the Christian  
Empire, 1691.

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By *Henry Newman*, Philomath.

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Printed by *R. Pierce* for *Benjamin Harris* at  
the *London Coffee-House* in *Boston*, 1691.

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### ADVERTISEMENT.

There is now in the Press, and will suddenly be extant, a Second Impression of the *New England Primer enlarged*, to which is added, more *Directions for Spelling*; the *Prayer of K. Edward the 6th*, and *Verses made by Mr. Rogers the Martyr, left as a Legacy to his Children*.

Sold by *Benjamin Harris*, at the *London Coffee-House* in *Boston*."

## INTRODUCTION

TO THE PRESENT EDITION.

THE pious Baxter, who knew well the greater part of the Westminster Assembly of Divines, says, that the Christian world, since the days of the Apostles, never had a Synod of more excellent divines. The Assembly was convened in 1643, and was composed of *one hundred and twenty-one* divines, or presbyters, *thirty* lay assessors, and *five* commissioners from Scotland. It sat more than *five years and a half*.

Our Puritan Fathers brought the Shorter Catechism with them across the ocean, and laid it on the same shelf with the family Bible. They taught it diligently to their children, every Sabbath. And while a few of their descendants, now in the evening of life, *remember* every question and answer; many, not yet advanced to life's *meridian*, can never *forget* when every Saturday *forenoon*, they had to take a regular catechising in the common school, commencing with the a, b, c, *oaken-bench class*, "What is the chief end of man?"

If in this Catechism, the true and fundamental doctrines of the Gospel are expressed in fewer and better words and definitions than in any other summary, why ought we not *now* to *train up a child in the way he should go*?—why not *now* put him in possession of the richest treasure that ever human wisdom and industry accumulated, to draw from?

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HARTFORD, CONN.

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## ADVERTISEMENT.

A Society of ladies was formed in Boston, in the time of Mr. Whitefield, for improvement in personal piety, and to pray for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom. The Society met weekly for prayer, "reading some sound and serious book," singing, and other exercises adapted to "spiritual edification." "We also agree," say they, "once a quarter, to spend the day in prayer and other duties of religion, our special errand at the throne of grace to ask for the outpouring of the Spirit of God on us, our families, and the world of mankind." "Once a quarter, the exercises shall be so shortened, as to have room to ask ourselves the Assembly's Shorter Catechism, that so we may keep in our minds that excellent form of sound words." This edition of the New England Primer, is a reprint and fac-simile of one of those owned and used by that Society.

A community of Boston ladies of "the olden time," enrolling the bright names and embodying the choice influences of the mothers of this Israel—the Masons and the Waterses of hallowed memory—assembled quarterly to refresh their minds from this Primer. The fact needs no comment.\*

N. B. This statement is from a lady who was a member of the above Society, and from the documents of the Society in her possession.

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## CERTIFICATES.

At the request of the publisher, the following certificate has been furnished by a gentleman who has given much attention to the subject of early School Books and Catechisms in this country.

"The edition of the New England Primer, published in 1843 by Mr. Ira Webster, of Hartford, is a correct reprint of the oldest copy of that remarkable work, of which I have any knowledge; perhaps the oldest copy now extant. All other reprints which I have seen, have been considerably altered—modernized—from the original.

Cambridge, Oct. 20, 1849.

—GEORGE LIVERMORE."

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\* "Most valuable of every thing, is the education and principles drawn from the mother's knee."—(PSHUR.

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Communicated by Rev. Thomas Williams :—

"The edition of the New England Primer, which has been published by Mr. Ira Webster, of Hartford, in the year 1843, is the only genuine and correct edition of that valuable and wonderful book that has been to be obtained for many years. It is probably more than fifty years since there has been printed a complete and correct edition of the Primer, except the one printed by Mr. Webster. His edition is an exact copy of the Primer that was used by families and schools in my youth, sixty years ago, and I suppose it had been used for fifty or a hundred years before that time. The genuine copy of the Primer, on account of its antiquity, and its extensive usefulness in former years, has now become an object of interesting and beneficial curiosity.

THOMAS WILLIAMS."

*Plymouth, Massachusetts, June 23, A.D. 1844.*

We, the subscribers, concur in the preceding statements

*Hartford, Oct. 30, 1849.  
Bangor.*

THOMAS ROBBINS,  
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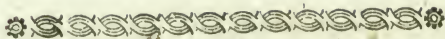
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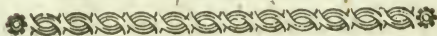
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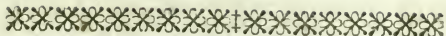
ENOCH POND."

The publisher of this edition, from one of 1777, (wishing to obtain information of still older copies,) would say that he has in his possession three Primers; two printed in Boston, 1770, 1777, and one in Providence, 1775, *all the same*, after the title page.



The Honorable JOHN HANCOCK, Esq;  
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A Divine Song of Praise to G O D , for a Child,  
by the Rev. Dr. W A T T S .

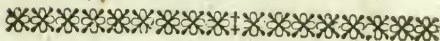
**H**OW glorious is our heavenly King,  
Who reigns above the Sky!  
How shall a Child presume to sing  
His dreadful Majesty!

How great his Power is none can tell,  
Nor think how large his Grace:  
Nor men below, nor Saints that dwell  
On high before his Face.

Nor 'Angels that stand round the Lord,  
Can search his secret will:  
But they perform his heav'nly Word,  
And sing his Praises still.

Then let me join this holy Train,  
And my first Off'rings bring;  
The eternal GOD will not disdain  
To hear an Infant sing.

My Heart resolves, my Tongue obeys,  
And Angels shall rejoice,  
To hear their mighty Maker's Praise,  
Sound from a feeble Voice.



T H E  
N E W - E N G L A N D  
**P R I M E R**  
I M P R O V E D .

For the more easy attaining the true  
reading of English.

T O W H I C H I S A D D E D  
The Assembly of Divines, and  
Mr. COTTON's *Catechism*.

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a b c d e f g h i j k l m

n o p q r s t u v

w x y z &.

Vowels.

a e i o u y.

Consonants.

b c d f g h j k l m n p q r s t v w x z

*Double Letters.*

ct ff fi fl ffi flh fi ffi fl. ff fl

*Italick Letters.*

*Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh*

*Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq*

*Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz*

*Italick Double Letters.*

*ct ff fi ffi fl flh fi ffi fl. ff fl*



*Great Letters.*

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O

P Q R S T U W X Y Z.

Ab	eb	ib	ob	ub
ac	ec	ic	oc	uc
ad	ed	id	od	ud
af	ef	if	of	uf
ag	eg	ig	og	ug
aj	ej	ij	oj	uj
ak	ek	ik	ok	uk
al	el	il	ol	ul
am	em	im	om	um
an	en	in	on	un
ap	ep	ip	op	up
ar	er	ir	or	ur
as	es	is	os	us
at	et	it	ot	ut
av	ev	iv	ov	uv
ax	ex	ix	ox	ux
az	ez	iz	oz	uz

*Easy*



# *Easy Syllables, &c.*

Ba	be	bi	bo	bu
ca	ce	ci	co	cu
da	de	di	do	du
fa	fe	fi	fo	fu
ga	ge	gi	go	gu
ha	he	hi	ho	hu
ja	je	ji	jo	ju
ka	ke	ki	ko	ku
la	le	li	lo	lu
ma	me	mi	mo	mu
na	ne	ni	no	nu
pa	pe	pi	po	pu
ra	re	ri	ro	ru
sa	se	si	so	su
ta	te	ti	to	tu
va	ve	vi	vo	vu
wa	we	wi	wo	wu
ya	ye	yi	yo	yu
za	ze	zi	zo	zu

## *Words of one Syllable.*

Age	all	apo	are
Bab	beef	best	bold
Cat	cake	crown	cup
Deaf	dead	dry	dull

## *Words of one Syllable.*

Eat	ear	eggs	eyes
Face	feet	fish	foul
Gate	good	grass	great
Hand	hat	head	heart
Ice	ink	isle	jobb
Kick	kind	kneel	know
Lamb	lame	land	long
Made	mole	moon	mouth
Name	night	noise	noon
Oak	once	one	ounce
Pain	pair	pence	pound
Quart	queen	quick	quilt
Rain	raise	rose	run
Saint	sage	salt	said
Take	talk	time	throat
Vain	vice	vile	view
Way	wait	waste	would

## *Words of two Syllables.*

Ab-sent	ab-hor	a-pron	au-thor
Ba-bel	be-came	be-guile	bold-ly
Ca-pon	cel-lar	con-stant	cub-board
Dai-ly	de-pend	di-vers	du-ty
Ea-gle	ea-ger	en-close	e-ven
Fa-ther	fa-mous	fe-male	fu-ture
Ga-ther	gar-den	gra-vy	glo-ry

*Words of two Syllables.*

Hei-nous	hate-ful	hu-mane	hus-band
In-fant	in-deed	in-cence	i-land
Ja-cob	jeal-ous	jus-tice	ju-lep
La-bour	la-den	la-dy	la-zy
Ma-ny	ma-ry	mo-tive	mu-sick

*Words of three Syllables.*

A-bu-sing	a-mend-ing	ar-gu-ment
Bar-ba-rous	be-ne-fit	beg-gar-ly
Cal-cu-late	can-dle-stick	con-foun-ded
Dam-ni-fy	dis-si-cult	drow-si-ness
Ea-ger-ly	em-ploy-ing	evi-dence
Fa-cul-ty	fa-mi-ly	fu-ne-ral
Gar-de-ner	glo-ri-ous	gra-ti-tude
Hap-pi-ness	har-mo-ny	ho-li-ness

*Words of four Syllables.*

A-bi-li-ty	ac-com-pa-ny	af-fec-ti-on
Be-ne-fi-ted	be-a-ti-tude	be-ne-vo-lent
Ca-la-mi-ty	ca-pa-ci-ty	ce-re-mo-ny
De-li-ca-cy	di-li-gent-ly	du-ti-ful-ly
E-dy-fy-ing	e-ver-last-ing	e-vi-dent-ly
Fe-bru-a-ry	fi-de-li-ty	for-mi-da-bly
Ge-ne-ral-ly	glo-ri-fy-ing	gra-ci-ous-ly

*Words of five Syllables.*

A-bo-mi-na-ble	ad-mi-ra-ti-on
Be-ne-dic-ti-on	be-ne-fi-ci-al
Ce-le-bra-ti-on	con-fo-la-ti-on
De-cla-ra-ti-on	de-di-ca-ti-on
E-du-ca-ti-on	ex-hor-ta-ti-on
For-ni-ca-ti-on	fer-men-ta-ti-on
Ge-ne-ra-ti-on	ge-ne-ro-fi-ty

*Words of six Syllables.*

A-bo-mi-na-ti-on	Gra-ti-fi-ca-ti-on
Be-ne-fi-ci-al-ly	Hu-mi-li-a-ti-on
Con-ti-nu-a-ti-on	I-ma-gi-na-ti-on
De-ter-mi-na-ti-on	Mor-ti-fi-ca-ti-on
E-di-fi-ca-ti-on	Pu-ri-fi-ca-ti-on
Fa-mi-li-a-ri-ty	Qua-li-fi-ca-ti-on

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*A Lesson for Children.*

Pray to God.	Call no ill names.
Love God.	Use no ill words.
Fear God.	Tell no lies.
Serve God.	Hate Lies.
Take not God's	Speak the Truth.
Name in vain.	Spend your Time well
Do not Swear.	Love your School.
Do not Steal.	Mind your Book.
Cheat not in your play.	Strive to learn.
Play not with bad boys.	Be not a Dunce.

A



In A D A M's Fall  
We sinned all.

B



Heaven to find,  
The Bible Mind.

C



Christ crucify'd  
For sinners dy'd.

D



The Deluge drown'd  
The Earth around.

E



E L I J A H hid  
By Ravens fed.

F



The judgment made  
F E L I X afraid.

G



As runs the Glass,  
Our Life doth pass.

H



My Book and Heart  
Must never part.

I



J O B feels the Rod,—  
Yet blesses GOD.

K



Proud Korah's troop  
Was swallowed up

L



L O T fled to Zoar,  
Saw fiery Shower  
On Sodom pour.

M



M O S E S was he  
Who *Israel's* Host  
Led thro' the Sea.

N



NOAH did view  
The old world & new

O



Young OBADIAS,  
DAVID, JOSIAS  
All were pious.

P



PETER deny'd  
His Lord and cry'd.

Q



Queen ESTHER sues  
And saves the Jews.

R



Young pious RUTH.  
Lest all for Truth.

S



Young SAM'L dear  
The Lord did fear.

T



Young TIMOTHY  
Learnt sin to fly.

U



VASTHI for Pride,  
Was set aside.

W



Whales in the Sea,  
GOD's Voice obey.

X



XERXES did die,  
And so must I.

Y



While youth do chear  
Death may be near.

Z



ZACCHAEUS he  
Did climb the Tree  
Our Lord to see.



<b>W</b> HO was the first man?	<i>Adam.</i>
Who was the first woman?	<i>Eve.</i>
Who was the first Murderer?	<i>Cain.</i>
Who was the first Martyr?	<i>Abel.</i>
Who was the first Translated?	<i>Enoch.</i>
Who was the oldest Man?	<i>Methuselah.</i>
Who built the Ark?	<i>Noah.</i>
Who was the Patientest Man?	<i>Job.</i>
Who was the meekest Man?	<i>Moses.</i>
Who led <i>Israel</i> into <i>Canaan</i> ?	<i>Joshua.</i>
Who was the strongest Man?	<i>Sampson.</i>
Who killed <i>Goliath</i> ?	<i>David.</i>
Who was the wisest Man?	<i>Solomon.</i>
Who was in the Whale's Belly?	<i>Jonah.</i>
Who saves lost Men?	<i>Jesus Christ.</i>
Who is <i>Jesus Christ</i> ?	<i>The Son of God.</i>
Who was the Mother of <i>Christ</i> ?	<i>Mary.</i>
Who betrayed his Master?	<i>Judas.</i>
Who denied his Master?	<i>Peter.</i>
Who was the first Christian Martyr?	<i>Stephen.</i>
Who was chief Apostle of the <i>Gentiles</i> ?	<i>Paul.</i>

*The Infant's Grace before and after Meat.*

**B**LESS me, O Lord, and let my food  
strengthen me to serve thee, for Jesus  
Christ's sake. AMEN.

**I** Desire to thank God who gives me food  
to eat every day of my life. AMEN.

**W**HAT's right and good now shew me  
Lord, and lead me by thy grace and  
word. Thus shall I be a child of God, and  
love and fear thy hand and rod.

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*An Alphabet of Lessons for Youth.*

**A** Wise son maketh a glad father, but a  
foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.

**B**etter is a little with the fear of the Lord,  
than great treasure & trouble therewith.

**C**ome unto Christ all ye that labor and are  
heavy laden and he will give you rest.

**D**onot the abominable thing which I hate  
saith the Lord.

**E**xcept a man be born again, he cannot  
see the kingdom of God.

**F**oolishness is bound up in the heart of a  
child, but the rod of correction shall  
drive it far from him.

**G**ODLINESS is profitable unto all things,  
having the promise of the life that now  
is, and that which is to come.

**H**OLINESS becomes G O D ' s house  
for ever.

**I**T is good for me to draw near unto  
G O D .

**K**EEP thy heart with all diligence, for  
out of it are the issues of life.

**L**IARS shall have their part in the lake  
which burns with fire and brimstone.

**M**ANY are the afflictions of the right-  
eous, but the LORD delivereth them  
out of them all.

**N**OW is the accepted time, now is the  
day of salvation.

**O**UT of the abundance of the heart the  
mouth speaketh.

**P**RAY to thy Father which is in secret ;  
and thy Father which sees in secret  
shall reward thee openly.

**Q**UIT you like men, be strong, stand fast  
in the faith.

**R**EMEMBER thy Creator in the days  
of thy youth.

**S**EEST thou a man wise in his own conceit,  
there is more hope of a fool than of him.

**T**RUST in God at all times, ye people,  
pour out your hearts before him.

**U**PON the wicked, God shall rain an  
horrible tempest.

**W**O to the wicked, it shall be ill with  
him, for the reward of his hands  
shall be given him.

**E**XHORT one another daily while it is called to day, lest any of you be hardened thro' the deceitfulness of sin.

**Y**OUNG men ye have overcome the wicked one.

**Z**eal hath consumed me, because thy enemies have forgotten the word of God.

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*The LORD's Prayer.*

**O**UR Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. AMEN.

*The C R E E D.*

**I**BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, which was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he arose again from the dead, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father,

Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge both the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. A M E N .

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Dr. W A T T S ' s *Cradle Hymn* .

**H** U S H my dear, lie still and slumber,  
holy angels guard thy bed,  
Heavenly blessings without number,  
gently falling on thy head.  
Sleep my babe, thy food and raiment  
house and home thy friends provide,  
All without thy care or payment,  
all thy wants are well supply'd.  
How much better thou'rt attended,  
than the Son of God could be,  
When from heaven he descended,  
and became a child like thee.  
Soft and easy is thy cradle,  
coarse and hard thy Saviour lay,  
When his birth-place was a stable,  
and his softest bed was hay.  
Blessed Babe ! what glorious features,  
spotless fair, divinely bright !!  
Must he dwell with brutal creatures,

how could angels bear the sight !  
Was there nothing but a manger,  
    curst sinners could afford,  
To receive the heavenly stranger ;  
    did they thus affront their Lord.  
Soft my child I did not chide thee,  
    tho' my song may sound too hard ;  
'Tis thy mother sits beside thee,  
    and her arms shall be thy guard.  
Yet to read the shameful story,  
    how the Jews abus'd their King,  
How they serv'd the Lord of glory,  
    makes me angry while I sing.  
See the kinder shepherds round him,  
    telling wonders from the sky ;  
There they sought him, there they found him,  
    with his Virgin Mother by.  
See the lovely Babe a drossing ;  
    lovely infant how he smil'd !  
When he wept, the Mother's blessing  
    sooth'd and hush'd the holy child.  
Lo ! he slumbers in his manger,  
    where the horned oxen fed ;  
Peace my darling here's no danger,  
    here's no Ox a near thy bed.  
'Twas to save thee, child from dying  
    save my dear from burning flame,

Bitter groans and endless crying,  
that thy blest Redeemer came.  
May'st thou live to know and fear him,  
trust and love him all thy days !  
Then go dwell for ever near him,  
see his face and sing his praise.  
I could give thee thousand kisses,  
hoping what I most desire ;  
Not a mother's fondest wishes,  
can to greater joys aspire.

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*V E R S E S for Children.*

**T**HOUGH I am young a little one,  
If I can speak and go alone,  
Then I must learn to know the Lord,  
And learn to read his holy word.  
'Tis time to seek to God and pray  
For what I want for every day :  
I have a precious soul to save,  
And I a mortal body have,  
Tho' I am young yet I may die,  
And hasten to eternity :  
There is a dreadful fiery hell,  
Where wicked ones must always dwell :  
There is a heaven full of joy,  
Where godly ones must always stay :  
To one of these my soul must fly,  
As in a moment when I die :

When God that made me, calls me home,  
I must not stay I must be gone.  
He gave me life, and gives me breath,  
And he can save my soul from death,  
By J E S U S C H R I S T my only Lord,  
According to his holy word.  
He clothes my back and makes me warm :  
He saves my flesh and bones from harm.  
He gives me bread and milk and meat  
And all I have that's good to eat.  
When I am sick, he if he please,  
Can make me well and give me ease :  
He gives me sleep and quiet rest,  
Whereby my body is refresh'd  
The Lord is good and kind to me,  
And very thankful I must be :  
I must obey and love and fear him,  
By faith in Christ I must draw near him.  
I must not sin as others do,  
Lest I lie down in sorrow too :  
For God is angry every day,  
With wicked ones who go astray,  
All sinful words I must restrain :  
I must not take God's name in vain.  
I must not work, I must not play,  
Upon God's holy sabbath day.  
And if my parents speak the word,



I must obey them in the Lord.  
Nor steal, nor lie, nor spend my days,  
In idle tales and foolish plays,  
I must obey my Lord's commands,  
Do something with my little hands :  
Remember my creator now,  
In youth while time will it allow.  
Young S A M U E L that little child,  
He serv'd the Lord, liv'd undefil'd;  
Him in his service God employ'd,  
While E L I 's wicked children dy'd :  
When wicked children mocking said,  
'To a good man, *Go up bald head,*  
God was displeas'd with them and sent  
Two bears which them in pieces rent,  
I must not like these children vile,  
Displease my God, myself defile.  
Like young A B I J A H , I must see,  
That good things may be found in me,  
Young King J o s I A H , that blessed youth,  
He sought the Lord and lov'd the truth ;  
He like a King did act his part,  
And follow'd God with all his heart.  
The little children they did sing,  
Hosannahs to their heavenly King.  
'That blessed child young T I M O T H Y ,  
Did learn God's word most heedfully.

It seem'd to be his recreation,  
Which made him wise unto salvation :  
By faith in Christ which he had gain'd  
With prayers and tears that faith unfeign'd.  
These good examples were for me ;  
Like these good children I must be.  
Give me true faith in Christ my Lord,  
Obedience to his holy word,  
No word is in the world like thine,  
There's none so pure, sweet and divine.  
From thence let me thy will behold,  
And love thy word above fine gold.  
Make my heart in thy statutes sound,  
And make my faith and love abound.  
Lord circumsise my heart to love thee :  
And nothing in this world above thee :  
Let me behold thy pleased face,  
And make my soul to grow in grace,  
And in the knowledge of my Lord  
And Saviour Christ, and of his word.

*Another.*

**A** W A K E, arise, behold thou hast,  
Thy life a leaf, thy breath a blast,  
At night lay down prepar'd to have  
Thy sleep, thy death, thy bed, thy grave.  
**L** O R D if thou lengthen out my days,  
Then let my heart so fixed be,

That I may lengthen out thy praise,  
And never turn aside from thee.

So in my end I shall rejoice,  
In thy salvation joyful be ;  
My soul shall say with loud glad voice,  
JEHOVAH who is like to thee ?

Who takest the lambs into thy arms,  
And gently leadeſt thoſe with young,  
Who ſaveſt children from all harms,  
Lord, I will praise thee with my ſong.

And when my days on earth ſhall end,  
And I go hence and be here no more,  
Give me eternity to ſpend,  
My G O D to praise forever more.

*Another.*

Good children muſt,  
Fear God all day,      Love Chriſt alway,  
Parents obey,      In ſecret pray,  
No falſe thing ſay,      Mind little play,  
By no ſin ſtray,      Make no delay,  
In doing good.

*Another.*

**I** In the burying place may ſee  
Graves ſhorter there than I,  
From death's arreſt no age is free  
Young children too muſt die.  
My God may ſuch an awful ſight,

Awakening be to me!  
Oh! that by early grace I might  
For death prepared be.

Another.

**N**OW I lay me down to take my sleep,  
I pray the Lord my soul to keep,  
If I should die before I wake,  
I pray the Lord my soul to take.

Another.

**F**irst in the morning when thou dost awake,  
To God for his grace thy petition make,  
Some heavenly petition use daily to say,  
That the God of heaven may bless thee alway.  
*Duty to God and our neighbour.*

**L**OVE God with all your soul & strength,  
With all your heart and mind;  
And love your neighbour as yourself,  
Be faithful, just and kind.  
Deal with another as you'd have  
Another deal with you:  
What you're unwilling to receive,  
Be sure you never do.

*Our Saviour's Golden Rule.*

**B**E you to others kind and true,  
As you'd have others be to you:  
And neither do nor say to men,  
Whate'er you would not take again.

*The Sum of the ten Commandments.*

**W**ITH all thy soul love God above,  
And as thyself thy neighbour love.  
*Advice to Youth. Eccle. xii.*

**N**OW in the heat of youthful blood,  
Remember your Creator God;  
Behold the months come hast'ning on,  
When you shall say, *My joys are gone.*

Behold the aged sinner goes  
Laden with guilt and heavy woes,  
Down to the regions of the dead,  
With endless curses on his head.

The dust returns to dust again,  
The soul in agonies of pain,  
Ascends to God not there to dwell,  
But hears her doom and sinks to hell.  
Eternal King I fear thy name,  
Teach me to know how frail I am,  
And when my soul must hence remove,  
Give me a mansion in thy love.

*Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth.*

**C**HILDREN your great Creator fear,  
To him your homage pay,  
While vain employments fire your blood,  
And lead your thoughts astray.  
The due remembrance of his name  
Your first regard requires :

Till your breast glows with sacred love,  
 Indulge no meaner fires.  
 Secure his favour, and be wise,  
 Before these cheerless days,  
 When age comes on, when mirth's no more  
 And health and strength decays.

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*Some proper Names of M E N and W O M E N ,  
 to teach Children to spell their own.*

*Men's Names.*

**A** Dam, Abel,  
 Abraham,  
 Amos, Aaron,  
 Abijah, Andrew,  
 Alexander, Anthony,  
 Bartholomew,  
 Benjamin, Barnabas,  
 Benoni, Barzillai,  
 Caleb, Cæsar,  
 Charles, Christopher,  
 Clement, Cornelius,  
 David, Daniel,  
 Ephraim, Edward,  
 Edmund, Ebenezer,  
 Elijah, Eliphalet,  
 Elisha, Eleazer,  
 Elihu, Ezekiel,

Elias, Elizur,  
 Frederick, Francis,  
 Gilbert, Giles,  
 George, Gamalial,  
 Gideon, Gershom,  
 Heman, Henry,  
 Hezekiah, Hugh,  
 John, Jonas, Isaac,  
 Jacob, Jared, Job,  
 James, Jonathan,  
 Israel, Joseph,  
 Jeremiah, Joshua,  
 Josiah, Jedediah,  
 Jabez, Joel, Judah,  
 Lazarus, Luke,  
 Mathew, Michael,  
 Moses, Malachi,  
 Nathaniel, Nathan,

Nicholas, Noadiah,  
Nehemiah. Noah,  
Obadiah, Ozias,  
Paul, Peter, Philip,  
Phincas, Peletiah,  
Ralph, Richard,  
Samuel, Sampson,  
Stephen, Solomon,  
Seth, Simeon, Saul,

Shem, Shubal,  
Timothy, Thomas,  
Titus, Theophilus,  
Uriah, Uzzah,  
Walter, William,  
Xerxes, Xenophon,  
Zachariah, Zebdiel,  
Zedekiah, Zadock,  
Zebulon, Zebediah,

*Women's Names.*

**A** Bigail, Anne,  
Alice, Anna,  
Bethiah. Bridget,  
Cloe, Charity,  
Deborah, Dorothy,  
Dorcas, Dinah,  
Damaris,  
Elizabeth, Esther.  
Eunice, Eleanor,  
Frances, Flora,  
Grace, Gillet,  
Hannah, Huldah,  
Hepzibah,  
Henrietta, Hagar.  
Joanna, Jane,  
Jamima, Isabel,

Judith, Jennet,  
Katharine, Katura,  
Kezia, Lydia,  
Lucretia, Lucy,  
Louis, Lettice,  
Mary, Margaret,  
Martha, Mehitable,  
Marcy, Merial,  
Patience, Phylis,  
Phebe, Priscilla,  
Rachel, Rebecca,  
Ruth, Rhode, Rose,  
Sarah, Susanna,  
Tabitha, Tamefin,  
Ursula,  
Zipporah, Zibiah.



**M**R. JOHN ROGERS, minister of the gospel in *London*, was the first martyr in Queen MARY's reign, and was burnt at *Smithfield*, *February 14, 1554*.—His wife with nine small children, and one at her breast following him to the stake; with which sorrowful sight he was not in the least daunted, but with wonderful patience died courageously for the gospel of JESUS CHRIST.



*Some few days before his death, he wrote the following Advice to his Children.*

**G**IVE ear my children to my words  
Whom God hath dearly bought,  
Lay up his laws within your heart,  
and print them in your thoughts.  
I leave you here a little book  
for you to look upon,  
That you may see your father's face  
when he is dead and gone :  
Who for the hope of heavenly things  
While he did here remain,  
Gave over all his golden years  
to prison and to pain.  
Where I, among my iron bands,  
inclosed in the dark,  
Not many days before my death,  
I did compose this work :  
And for example to your youth,  
to whom I wish all good,  
I send you here God's perfect truth,  
and seal it with my blood.  
To you my heirs of earthly things :  
which I do leave behind,  
That you may read and understand  
and keep it in your mind.  
That as you have been heirs of that

that once shall wear away,  
You also may possess that part,  
which never shall decay.  
Keep always God before your eyes,  
with all your whole intent,  
Commit no sin in any wise,  
keep his commandment.  
Abhor that arrant whore of R O M E,  
and all her blasphemies,  
And drink not of her cursed cup,  
obey not her decrees.  
Give honor to your mother dear,  
remember well her pain,  
And recompence her in her age,  
with the like love again.  
Be always ready for her help,  
and let her not decay,  
Remember well your father all,  
who would have been your stay.  
Give of your portion to the poor,  
as riches do arise,  
And from the needy naked soul,  
turn not away your eyes :  
For he that doth not hear the cry  
of those that stand in need,  
Shall cry himself and not be heard,  
when he does hope to speed.

If GOD hath given you increase,  
and blessed well your store;  
Remember you are put in trust,  
and should relieve the poor.  
Beware of foul and filthy lust,  
let such things have no place,  
Keep clean your vessels in the LORD,  
that he may you embrace.  
Ye are the temples of the LORD,  
for you are dearly bought,  
And they that do defile the same,  
shall surely come to nought:  
Be never proud by any means,  
build not your house too high,  
But always have before your eyes,  
that you are born to die.  
Defraud not him that hired is,  
your labour to sustain,  
But pay him still without delay,  
his wages for his pain.  
And as you would that other men  
against you should proceed,  
Do you the same to them again,  
when they do stand in need.  
Impart your portion to the poor,  
in money and in meat.

And send the feeble fainting soul,  
of that which you do eat.  
Ask counsel always of the wise,  
give ear unto the end,  
And ne'er refuse the sweet rebuke  
of him that is thy friend.  
Be always thankful to the LORD,  
with prayer and with praise,  
Begging of him to bless your work,  
and to direct your ways.  
Seek first, I say, the living GOD,  
and always him adore,  
And then be sure that he will bless,  
your basket and your store.  
And I beseech Almighty GOD,  
replenish you with grace,  
That I may meet you in the heavens,  
and see you face to face.  
And though the fire my body burns,  
contrary to my kind,  
That I cannot enjoy your love  
according to my mind :  
Yet I do hope that when the heavens  
shall vanish like a scroll,  
I shall see you in perfect shape,  
in body and in soul.  
And that I may enjoy your love,

and you enjoy the land,  
I do beseech the living LORD,  
to hold you in his hand.  
Though here my body be adjudg'd  
in flaming fire to fry,  
My soul I trust, will straight ascend  
to live with GOD on high.  
What though this carcase smart awhile  
what though this life decay,  
My soul I hope will be with GOD,  
and live with him for aye.  
I know I am a sinner born,  
from the original,  
And that I do deserve to die  
by my fore-father's fall :  
But by our SAVIOUR'S precious blood,  
which on the cross was spilt,  
Who freely offer'd up his life,  
to save our souls from guilt :  
I hope redemption I shall have,  
and all who in him trust,  
When I shall see him face to face,  
and live among the just.  
Why then should I fear death's grim look  
since CHRIST for me did die,  
For King and Cæsar, rich and poor.  
the force of death must try

When I am chained to the stake,  
and fagots girt me round,  
Then pray the LORD my soul in heaven  
may be with glory crown'd.  
Come welcome death the end of fears,  
I am prepar'd to die :  
Those earthly flames will send my soul  
up to the Lord on high.  
Farewell my children to the world,  
where you must yet remain ;  
The LORD of hosts be your defence,  
'till we do meet again.  
Farewell my true and loving wife,  
my children and my friends,  
I hope in heaven to see you all,  
when all things have their end.  
If you go on to serve the LORD,  
as you have now begun,  
You shall walk safely all your days,  
until your life be done.  
GOD grant you so to end your days,  
as he shall think it best,  
'That I may meet you in the heavens,  
where I do hope to rest.

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**O**UR days begin with trouble here,  
our life is but a span,

And cruel death is always near,  
so frail a thing is man.

Then sow the seeds of grace whilst young,  
that when thou com'st to die,  
Thou may'st sing forth that triumph song,  
Death where's thy victory.

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*Choice Sentences.*

1. P R A Y I N G will make us leave sinning,  
or sinning will make us leave praying.

2. O U R weakness and inabilities break  
not the bond of our duties.

3. W H A T we are afraid to speak before  
men, we should be afraid to think before  
GOD.

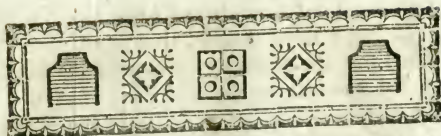
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*Learn these four lines by heart.*

**H** A V E communion with few,  
Be intimate with ONE,  
Deal justly with all,  
Speak evil of none.

*A G U R ' s Prayer.*

**R** E M O V E far from me vanities and  
lies; give me neither poverty nor  
riches; feed me with food convenient for  
me: lest I be full and deny thee, and say,  
Who is the Lord? Or lest I be poor and  
steal and take the name of my GOD in vain.



THE SHORTER  
CATECHISM,

Agreed upon by the Reverend Assembly of  
DIVINES at Westminster.

Quest. **W**<sup>H</sup>A T is the chief end of man ?

Ans. Man's chief end is to  
glorify God and enjoy him forever.

Q. 2. What rule hath God given to di-  
rect us how we may glorify and enjoy him ?

A. The word of God which is contained  
in the scriptures of the old and new testa-  
ment is the only rule to direct us how we  
may glorify God and enjoy him.

Q. 3. What do the scriptures principally teach ?

A. The scriptures principally teach what  
man is to believe concerning God, and what  
duty God requireth of man.

Q. 4. What is God ?

A. God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and  
unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power,  
holiness, justice, goodness and truth.

Q. 5. Are there more Gods than one ?



A. There is but ONE only, the living and true GOD.

Q. 6. *How many persons are there in the God-head?*

A. There are three persons, in the God-head, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one GOD, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Q. 7. *What are the decrees of God?*

A. The decrees of God are his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his own will, whereby for his own glory he hath fore-ordained whatsoever comes to pass.

Q. 8. *How doth God execute his decrees?*

A. God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence.

Q. 9. *What is the work of creation?*

A. The work of creation is God's making all things of nothing by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.

Q. 10. *How did God create man?*

A. God created man male & female after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

Q. 11. *What are God's works of providence?*

A. God's works of providence are his most holy, wise and powerful, preserving & govern-

ing all his creatures and all their actions.

Q. 12. *What special act of providence did God exercise towards man in the estate wherein he was created?*

A. When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him upon condition of perfect obedience, forbidding him to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, upon pain of death.

Q. 13. *Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?*

A. Our first parents being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

Q. 14. *What is sin?*

A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of the law of God.

Q. 15. *What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?*

A. The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.

Q. 16. *Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?*

A. The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity,

all mankind descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him in his first transgression.

Q. 17. *Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?*

A. The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

Q. 18. *Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell?*

A. The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, & the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called original sin, together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.

Q. 19. *What is the misery of that estate whereinto man fell?*

A. All mankind by the fall lost communion with God, are under his wrath & curse, and so made liable to the miseries in this life, to death itself, & to the pains of hell forever.

Q. 20. *Did God leave all mankind to perish in the state of sin and misery?*

A. God having out of his mere good pleasure from all eternity elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of a state

of sin and misery, and to bring them into a state of salvation by a Redeemer.

Q. 21. *Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?*

A. The only Redeemer of God's elect, is the Lord Jesus Christ, who being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be God and man, in two distinct natures, and one person forever.

Q. 22. *How did Christ being the Son of God become man?*

A. Christ the Son of God became man by taking to himself a true body and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, and yet without sin.

Q. 23. *What offices doth Christ execute as our Redeemer?*

A. Christ as our Redeemer executes the office of a prophet, of a priest, & of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

Q. 24. *How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet?*

A. Christ executeth the office of a prophet in revealing to us by his word and spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

Q. 25. *How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?*

A. Christ executeth the office of a priest in his once offering up himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

Q. 26. *How doth Christ execute the office of a king?*

A. Christ executeth the office of a king in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

Q. 27. *Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?*

A. Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross, in being buried and continuing under the power of death for a time.

Q. 28. *Wherein consists Christ's exaltation?*

A. Christ's exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, and sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

Q. 29. *How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?*

A. We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ by the effectual ap-

Q. 38. *What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?*

A. At the resurrection believers being raised up to glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoyment of God to all eternity.

Q. 39. *What is the duty which God requires of man?*

A. The duty which God requires of man, is obedience to his revealed will.

Q. 40. *What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?*

A. The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience was the moral law.

Q. 41. *Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?*

A. The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments.

Q. 42. *What is the sum of the ten commandments?*

A. The sum of the ten commandments is, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind, and our neighbour as ourselves.

Q. 43. *What is the preface to the ten*

*commandments?*

A. The preface to the ten commandments is in these words, *I am the Lord thy God which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, and out of the house of bondage.*

Q. 44. *What doth the preface to the ten commandments teach us?*

A. The preface to the ten commandments teacheth us, that because God is the Lord, and our God and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments.

Q. 45. *Which is the first commandment?*

A. The first commandment is, *'Thou shalt have no other Gods before me.'*

Q. 46. *What is required in the first commandment?*

A. The first commandment requireth us to know and acknowledge God, to be the only true God, and our God, and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

Q. 47. *What is forbidden in the first commandment?*

A. The first commandment forbiddeth the denying or not worshipping and glorifying the true God, as God, and our God, and the giving that worship and glory to any other which is due to him alone.

Q. 48. *What are we especially taught by these words (before me) in the first commandment?*

A. These words (*before me*) in the first commandment, teach us, that God who seeth all things, taketh notice of and is much displeased with the sin of having any other God.

Q. 49. *Which is the second commandment?*

A. The second commandment is, 'Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself to them nor serve them, for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me & keep my commandments.'

Q. 50. *What is required in the second commandment?*

A. The second commandment requireth the receiving, observing, & keeping pure and entire all such religious worship and ordinances, as God hath appointed in his word.

Q. 51. *What is forbiduen in the second commandment?*



A. The second commandment forbiddeth the worshipping of God by images or any other way not appointed in his word.

Q. 52. *What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment?*

A. The reasons annexed to the second commandment, are God's sovereignty over us, his propriety in us, and the zeal he hath to his own worship.

Q. 53. *Which is the third commandment?*

A. The third commandment is, *'Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless, that taketh his name in vain.*

Q. 54. *What is required in the third commandment?*

A. The third commandment requireth the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, attributes, ordinances, word and works.

Q. 55. *What is forbidden in the third commandment?*

A. The third commandment forbiddeth all profaning or abusing of any thing whereby God maketh himself known.

Q. 56. *What is the reason annexed to the third commandment?*

A. The reason annexed to the third commandment is, That however the breakers of this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord our God will not suffer them to escape his righteous judgment.

Q. 57. Which is the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment is, Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy, six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God, in it thou shalt not do any work, thou nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid servant, nor thy cattle, nor the stranger that is within thy gates, for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day, wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.

Q. 58. What is required in the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment requireth, the keeping holy to God such set times as he hath appointed in his word, expressly one whole day in seven to be an holy Sabbath to himself.

Q. 59. Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly sabbath?

A. From the beginning of the world, to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly sabbath, and the first day of the week ever since to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian Sabbath.

Q. 60. *How is the sabbath to be sanctified?*

A. The sabbath is to be sanctified by an holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days, and spending the whole time in public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy:

Q. 61. *What is forbidden in the fourth commandment?*

A. The fourth commandment forbiddeth, the omission or careless performance of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words or works, about worldly employments or recreations.

Q. 62. *What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment?*

A. The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment, are God's allowing us six days of the week for our own employment, his chal-

lenging a special propriety in the seventh, his own example, & his blessing the sabbath day.

Q. 63. *Which is the fifth commandment?*

A. The fifth commandment is, *Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.*

Q. 64. *What is required in the fifth commandment?*

A. The fifth commandment requireth the preserving the honor, and performing the duties belonging to every one in their several places and relations; as superiors, inferiors, or equals.

Q. 65. *What is forbidden in the fifth commandment?*

A. The fifth commandment forbiddeth the neglecting of, or doing any thing against the honour and duty which belongeth to every one in their several places and relations.

Q. 66. *What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment?*

A. The reason annexed to the fifth commandment is a promise of long life and prosperity, (as far as it shall serve for God's glory and their own good) to all such as keep this commandment.

Q. 67. *Which is the sixth commandment?*

A. The sixth commandment is, *Thou shalt not kill.*

Q. 68. *What is required in the sixth commandment?*

A. The sixth commandment requireth all lawful endeavors to preserve our own life, and the life of others.

Q. 69. *What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?*

A. The sixth commandment forbiddeth the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbour unjustly, and whatsoever tendeth thereunto.

Q. 70. *Which is the seventh commandment?*

A. The seventh commandment is, *Thou shalt not commit adultery.*

Q. 71. *What is required in the seventh commandment?*

A. The seventh commandment requireth the preservation of our own and our neighbor's chastity, in heart, speech & behaviour.

Q. 72. *What is forbidden in the seventh commandment?*

A. The seventh commandment forbiddeth all unchaste thoughts, words and actions.

Q. 73. *Which is the eighth commandment?*

A. The eighth commandment is, *Thou*

*Thou shalt not steal.*

Q. 74. *What is required in the eighth commandment?*

A. The eighth commandment requireth the lawful procuring & furthering the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.

Q. 75. *What is forbidden in the eighth commandment?*

A. The eighth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever doth, or may unjustly hinder our own or our neighbour's wealth or outward estate.

Q. 76. *Which is the ninth commandment?*

A. The ninth commandment is, *Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.*

Q. 77. *What is required in the ninth commandment?*

A. The ninth commandment requireth the maintaining and promoting of truth between man & man, & of our own & our neighbor's good name, especially in witness bearing.

Q. 78. *What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?*

A. The ninth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own or our neighbor's good name.

Q. 79. *Which is the tenth commandment?*

A. The tenth commandment is, *Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.*

Q. 80. *What is required in the tenth commandment?*

A. The tenth commandment requireth full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit towards our neighbour, and all that is his.

Q. 81. *What is forbidden in the tenth commandment?*

A. The tenth commandment forbiddeth all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbour, and all inordinate motions and affections to any thing that is his.

Q. 82. *Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?*

A. No mere man since the fall is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God, but daily doth break them in thought, word and deed.

Q. 83. *Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous?*

A. Some sins in themselves, and by rea-

son of several aggravations, are more heinous in the sight of God than others.

Q. 84. *What doth every sin deserve?*

A. Every sin deserves God's wrath & curse both in this life, and that which is to come.

Q. 85. *What doth God require of us that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin?*

A. To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption.

Q. 86. *What is faith in Jesus Christ?*

A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace whereby we receive & rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in the gospel.

Q. 87. *What is repentance unto life?*

A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner out of the true sense of his sin and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth with grief and hatred of his sin turn from it unto God, with full purpose of and endeavours after new obedience.

Q. 88. *What are the outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption?*

A. The outward and ordinary means where-



by Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption, are his ordinances, especially the word, sacraments and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

Q. 89. *How is the word made effectual to salvation?*

A. The spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching of the word an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith unto salvation.

Q. 90. *How is the word to be read and heard that it may become effectual to salvation?*

A. That the word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend thereunto with diligence, preparation and prayer, receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

Q. 91. *How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation?*

A. The sacraments become effectual means of salvation not from any virtue in them or in him that doth administer them, but only by the blessing of Christ, and the working of the Spirit in them that by faith receive them.

Q. 92. *What is a sacrament?*

A. A sacrament is an holy ordinance in-

stituted by Christ, wherein by sensible signs, Christ & the benefits of the new covenant are represented sealed and applied to believers.

Q. 93. *What are the sacraments of the New Testament?*

A. The sacraments of the New Testament are baptism and the Lord's supper.

Q. 94. *What is baptism?*

A. Baptism is a sacrament wherein the washing of water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, & our engagements to be the Lord's.

Q. 95. *To whom is baptism to be administered?*

A. Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible church, till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to him, but the infants of such as are members of the visible church are to be baptized.

Q. 96. *What is the Lord's supper?*

A. The Lord's supper is a sacrament, wherein by giving and receiving bread and wine according to Christ's appointment, his death is shewed forth, and the worthy receivers are not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith made partakers of his body

and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

Q. 97. *What is required in the worthy receiving the Lord's supper?*

A. It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed upon him, of their repentance, love and new obedience, lest coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.

Q. 98. *What is prayer?*

A. Prayer is an offering up of our desires to God for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, & thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.

Q. 99. *What rule hath God given for our direction in prayer?*

A. The whole word of God is of use to direct us in prayer but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which Christ taught his disciples commonly called, *The Lord's Prayer*.

Q. 100. *What doth the preface of the Lord's prayer teach us?*

A. The preface of the Lord's prayer which is *Our Father which art in heaven*, teacheth us, to draw near to God with all holy reverence

and confidence, as children to a father, able and ready to help us, and that we should pray with and for others.

Q. 101. *What do we pray for in the first petition?*

A. In the first petition, which is, *Hallowed be thy name*, we pray that God would enable us and others to glorify him in all that whereby he makes himself known, and that he would dispose all things to his own glory.

Q. 102. *What do we pray for in the second petition?*

A. In the second petition, which is, *Thy kingdom come*, we pray that satan's kingdom may be destroyed, the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others bro't into it, and kept in it, and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

Q. 103. *What do we pray for in the third petition?*

A. In the third petition, which is, *Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven*, we pray that God by his grace would make us able and willing to know, obey and submit to his will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.

Q. 104. *What do we pray for in the fourth petition?*

A. In the fourth petition, which is, *Give*

*us this day our daily bread*, we pray, that of God's free gift we may receive a competent portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy his blessing with them.

Q. 105. *What do we pray for in the fifth petition?*

A. In the fifth petition, which is, *And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors*, we pray that God for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins, which we are the rather encouraged to ask, because by his grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others.

Q. 106. *What do we pray for in the sixth petition?*

A. In the sixth petition, which is, *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil*, we pray that God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.

Q. 107. *What doth the conclusion of the Lord's prayer teach us?*

A. The conclusion of the Lord's prayer, which is, *For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, AMEN*, teacheth us, to take our encouragement in prayer from God only, and in our prayers to praise him, ascribing kingdom, power and glory,

to him, and in testimony of our desire and assurance to be heard, we say, A M E N.

*Blessed are they that do his commandments that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. Rev. xxii. 14.*

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S P I R I T U A L M I L K

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*American B A B E S ;*

Drawn out of the Breasts of both *Testaments*  
for their Souls Nourishment.

By J O H N C O T T O N .

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Q **W**HAT hath God done for you?

A. God hath made me, he keepeth me, and he can save me.

Q. What is God?

A. God is a Spirit of himself & for himself.

Q. How many Gods be there?

A. There is but one God in three Persons, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Q. How did God make you?

A. In my first parents holy and righteous.

*Q. Are you then born holy and righteous?*

*A. No, my first father sinned and I in him.*

*Q. Are you then born a sinner?*

*A. I was conceived in sin, & born in iniquity.*

*Q. What is your birth sin?*

*A. Adam's sin imputed to me, and a corrupt nature dwelling in me.*

*Q. What is your corrupt nature?*

*A. My corrupt nature is empty of grace, bent unto sin, only unto sin, and that continually.*

*Q. What is sin?*

*A. Sin is a transgression of the law:*

*Q. How many commandments of the law be there?*

*A. Ten.*

*Q. What is the first commandment?*

*A. Thou shalt have no other Gods before me.*

*Q. What is the meaning of this commandment?*

*A. That we should worship the only true God, and no other besides him.*

*Q. What is the second commandment?*

*A. Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, &c.*

*Q. What is the meaning of this commandment?*

*A. That we should worship the only true God, with true worship, such as he hath ordained, not such as man hath invented.*

*Q. What is the third commandment?*

Q. *What is the sixth commandment?*

A. Thou shalt do no murder.

Q. *What is the meaning of this commandment?*

A. That we should not shorten the life or health of ourselves or others, but preserve both.

Q. *What is the seventh commandment?*

A. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Q. *What is the sin here forbidden?*

A. To defile ourselves or others with unclean lusts.

Q. *What is the duty here commanded?*

A. Chastity to possess our vessels in holiness and honor.

Q. *What is the eighth commandment?*

A. Thou shalt not steal.

Q. *What is the stealth here forbidden?*

A. To take away another man's goods without his leave, or to spend our own without benefit to ourselves or others.

Q. *What is the duty here commanded?*

A. To get our goods honestly, to keep them safely, and spend them thriftily.

Q. *What is the ninth commandment?*

A. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Q. *What is the sin here forbidden?*



A. To lie falsely, to think or speak untruly of ourselves or others.

Q. *What is the duty here required?*

A. Truth and faithfulness.

Q. *What is the tenth commandment?*

A. Thou shalt not covet, &c.

Q. *What is the coveting here forbidden?*

A. Lust after the things of other men, and want of contentment with our own.

Q. *Whether have you kept all these commandments?*

A. No, I and all men are sinners.

Q. *What are the wages of sin?*

A. Death and damnation.

Q. *How then look you to be saved?*

A. Only by Jesus Christ.

Q. *Who is Jesus Christ?*

A. The eternal Son of God, who for our sakes became man, that he might redeem & save us.

Q. *How doth Christ redeem and save us?*

A. By his righteous life, and bitter death, and glorious resurrection to life again.

Q. *How do we come to have a part & fellowship with Christ in his death & resurrection?*

A. By the power of his word and spirit, which brings us to him, and keeps us in him.

Q. *What is the word?*

A. The holy scriptures of the prophets and apostles, the old and new testament, the law and gospel.

Q. *How doth the ministry of the law bring you toward Christ?*

A. By bringing me to know my sin, and the wrath of God, against me for it.

Q. *What are you hereby the nearer to Christ?*

A. So I come to feel my cursed estate and need of a Saviour.

Q. *How doth the ministry of the Gospel help you in this cursed estate?*

A. By humbling me yet more, and then raising me out of this estate.

Q. *How doth the ministry of the Gospel humble you yet more?*

A. By revealing the grace of the Lord Jesus in dying to save sinners, and yet convincing me of my sin in not believing on him, and of my utter insufficiency to come to him. and so I feel myself utterly lost.

Q. *How doth the ministry of the gospel raise you up out of this lost estate to come to Christ?*

A. By teaching me the value and virtue of the death of Christ, and the riches of his grace to lost sinners by revealing the promise of grace to such, and by ministering the Spirit of

grace to apply Christ, and his promise of grace unto myself, and to keep me in him.

*Q. How doth the Spirit of grace apply Christ & his promise grace unto you and keep you in him?*

*A.* By begetting in me faith to receive him, prayer to call upon him, repentance to mourn after him, and new obedience to serve him.

*Q. What is faith?*

*A.* Faith is the grace of the Spirit, whereby I deny myself, and believe on Christ for righteousness and salvation.

*Q. What is prayer?*

*A.* It is calling upon God in the name of Christ by the help of the Holy Ghost, according to the will of God.

*Q. What is repentance?*

*A.* Repentance is a grace of the Spirit; whereby I loath my sins, and myself for them and confess them before the Lord, and mourn after Christ for the pardon of them, and for grace to serve him in newness of life.

*Q. What is the newness of life, or new obedience?*

*A.* Newness of life is a grace of the Spirit, whereby I forsake my former lust & vain company, and walk before the Lord in the light of his word, and in the communion of saints.

*Q. What is the communion of saints?*

A. It is the fellowship of the church in the blessings of the covenant of grace, and the seals thereof. Q. *What is the church?*

A. It is a congregation of saints joined together in the bond of the covenant, to worship the Lord, and to edify one another in all his holy ordinances.

Q. *What is the bond of the covenant by which the church is joined together?*

A. It is the profession of that covenant which God has made with his faithful people, to be a God unto them, and to their seed.

Q. *What doth the Lord bind his people to in this covenant?*

A. To give up themselves & their seed first to the Lord to be his people, & then to the elders & brethren of the church to set forward the worship of God & their mutual edification.

Q. *How do they give up themselves and their seed to the Lord?*

A. By receiving thro' faith the Lord & his covenant to themselves, & to their seed & accordingly walking themselves & training up their children in the ways of the covenant.

Q. *How do they give up themselves and their seed to the elders and brethren of the church?*

A. By confessing of their sins, and profes-

sion of their faith, and of their subjection to the gospel of Christ; and so they and their seed are received into the fellowship of the church and the seals thereof.

*Q. What are the seals of the covenant now in the days of the gospel?*

A. Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

*Q. What is done for you in baptism?*

A. In baptism the washing with water is a sign and seal of my washing in the blood and spirit of Christ, and thereby of my ingrafting into Christ, of the pardon and cleansing of my sins, of my raising up out of afflictions, and also of my resurrection from the dead at the last day.

*Q. What is done for you in the Lord's supper?*

A. In the Lord's supper, the receiving of the bread broken and the wine poured out is a sign and seal of my receiving the communion of the body of Christ broken for me, and of his blood shed for me, and thereby of my growth in Christ, and the pardon and healing of my sins, of the fellowship of the Spirit, of my strengthening and quickening in grace, and of my sitting together with Christ on his throne of glory at the last judgment.

*Q. What was the resurrection from the*

*dead, which was sealed up to you in baptism?*

A. When Christ shall come in his last judgment, all that are in their graves shall rise again, both the just and unjust.

Q. *What is the judgment, which is sealed up to you in the Lord's supper?*

A. At the last day we shall all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, to give an account of our works, and receive our reward according to them.

Q. *What is the reward that shall then be given?*

A. The righteous shall go into life eternal, and the wicked shall be cast into everlasting fire with the Devil and his angels.

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A DIALOGUE between CHRIST, YOUTH,  
and the Devil. YOUTH.

**T**Hose days which God to me doth send,  
In pleasure I'm resolv'd to spend;  
Like as the birds in th' lovely spring,  
Sit chirping on the bough, and sing;  
Who straining forth those warbling notes,  
Do make sweet music in their throats,  
So I resolve in this my prime,  
In sports and plays to spend my time.  
Sorrow and grief I'll put away,  
Such things agree not with my day:

From clouds my morning shall be free ;  
And nought on earth shall trouble me.  
I will embrace each sweet delight,  
'This earth affords me day and night :  
'Though parents grieve and me corrent,  
Yet I their counsel will reject.

*Devil.*

The resolution which you take,  
Sweet youth it doth me merry make.  
If thou my counsel wilt embrace,  
And shun the ways of truth and grace,  
And learn to lie, and curse and swear.  
And be as proud as any are ;  
And with thy brothers wilt fall out,  
And sisters with vile language flout ;  
Yea, fight and scratch, and also bite,  
Then in thee I will take delight.  
If thou wilt but be rul'd by me,  
An artist thou shalt quickly be,  
In all my ways which lovely are,  
Ther'e few with thee who shall compare.  
Thy parents always disobey ;  
Don't mind at all what they do say :  
And also pout and fatten be,  
And thou shalt be a child for me.  
When others read, be thou at play,  
Think not on God, don't sigh nor pray

Nor be thou such a silly fool,  
To mind thy book or go to school;  
But play the truant; fear not I  
Will straitway help you to a lie,  
Which will excuse thee from the same,  
From being whipp'd and from all blame;  
Come bow to me, uphold my crown,  
And I'll thee raise to high renown.

YOUTH.

These motions I will cleave unto,  
And let all other counsels go;  
My heart against my parents now,  
Shall harden'd be, and will not bow:  
I won't submit at all to them,  
But all good counsels will condemn,  
And what I list that do will I,  
And stubborn be continually.

CHRIST.

Wilt thou, O youth make such a choice,  
And thus obey the devil's voice!  
Curst sinful ways wilt thou embrace,  
And hate the ways of truth and grace?  
Wilt thou to me a rebel prove?  
And from thy parents quite remove  
Thy heart also? Then shalt thou see,  
What will e'er long become of thee.  
Come, think on God, who did thee make,



And at his presence dread and quake  
Remember him now in thy youth,  
And let thy soul take hold of truth:  
The Devil and his ways defy,  
Believe him not, he doth but lie:  
His ways seem sweet, but youth beware,  
He for thy soul hath laid a snare.  
His sweet will into bitter turn,  
If in those ways thou still wilt run,  
He will thee into pieces tear,  
Like lions which most hungry are.  
Grant me thy heart, thy folly leave,  
And from this lion I'll thee save;  
And thou shalt have sweet joy from me,  
Which shall last to eternity.

Y O U T H .

My heart shall cheer me in my youth,  
I'll have my frolicks in good truth,  
What e'er seems lovely in mine eye,  
Myself I cannot it deny.  
In my own ways I still will walk,  
And take delight among young folk,  
Who spend their days in joy and mirth,  
Nothing like that I'm sure on earth:  
Thy ways, O Christ! are not for me,  
They with my age do not agree.  
If I unto thy laws should cleave,

No more good days then should I have  
CHRIST.

Woul'st thou live long and good days see  
Refrain from all iniquity :

True good alone doth from me flow,  
It can't be had in things below.

Are not my ways, O youth : for thee,  
Then thou shalt never happy be ;

Nor ever shall thy soul obtain,

True good, whilst thou doit here remain

Y O U T H .

To thee, O Christ, I'll not adhere,

What thou speak'st of does not appear

Lovely to me I cannot find,

'Tis good to set or place my mind

On ways whence many sorrows spring

And to the flesh such crosses bring,

Don't trouble me, I must fulfil,

My fleshly mind, and have my will.

CHRIST.

Unto thyself then I'll thee leave,

That Satan may thee wholly have :

Thy heart in sin shall harden'd be,

And blinded in iniquity.

And then in wrath I'll cut thee down

Like as the grass and flowers mown ;

And to thy woe thou shalt espy,

Childhood and youth are vanity ;  
For all such things I'll make thee know  
To judgment thou shalt come also.  
In hell at last thy soul shall burn,  
When thou thy sinful race hast run.  
Consider this, think on thy end  
Lest God do thee in pieces rend.

Y O U T H .

Amazed, Lord ! I now begin,  
O help me and I'll leave my sin :  
I tremble, and do greatly fear,  
To think upon what I do hear.  
Lord ! I religious now will be,  
And I'll from Satan turn to thee.

*Devil.*

Nay, foolish youth, don't change thy mind,  
Unto such thoughts be not inclin'd.  
Come, cheer up thy heart, rouse up, be glad.  
There is no hell ; why art thou sad ?  
Eat, drink, be merry with thy friend,  
For when thou diest, that's thy last end.

Y O U T H .

Such thoughts as these I can't receive,  
Because God's word I do believe ;  
None shall in this destroy my faith,  
Nor do I mind what Satan saith.

*Devil.*

Although to thee herein I yield,  
Yet e'er long I shall win the field.  
That there's a heaven I can't deny,  
Yea, and a hell of misery :  
That heaven is a lovely place  
I can't deny ; 'tis a clear case ;  
And easy 'tis for to come there,  
Therefore take thou no further care,  
All human laws do thou observe,  
And from old customs never swerve ;  
Do not oppose what great men say,  
And thou shalt never go astray.  
'Thou may'st be drunk, and swear and curse,  
And sinners like thee ne'er the worse ;  
At any time thou may'st repent ;  
'Twill serve when all thy days are spent.

### CHRIST.

Take heed or else thou art undone ;  
These thoughts are from the wicked One,  
Narrow's the way that leads to life,  
Who walk therein do meet with strife.  
Few shall be saved, young man know,  
Most do unto destruction go.  
If righteous ones scarce saved be,  
What will at last become of thee !  
Oh ! don't reject my precious call,  
Lest suddenly in hell thou fall ;

Unless you soon converted be,  
God's kingdom thou shalt never see.

YOUTH.

Lord, I am now at a great stand:  
If I should yield to thy command,  
My comrades will me much deride,  
And never more will me abide.  
Moreover, this I also know,  
Thou can'st at last great mercy show.  
When I am old, and pleasure gone,  
Then what thou say'st I'll think upon.

CHRIST.

Nay, hold vain youth, thy time is short,  
I have thy breath, I'll end thy sport;  
Thou shalt not live till thou art old,  
Since thou in sin art grown so bold.  
I in thy youth grim death will send,  
And all thy sports shall have an end.

YOUTH.

I am too young, alas to die,  
Let death some old grey head espy.  
O spare me, and I will amend,  
And with thy grace my soul befriend,  
Or else I am undone alas,  
For I am in a woful case.

CHRIST.

When I did call, you would not hear,

But didst to me turn a deaf ear;  
And now in thy calamity,  
I will not mind nor hear thy cry;  
Thy day is past, begone from me,  
Thou who didst love iniquity,  
Above thy soul and Saviour dear;  
Who on the cross great pains did bear,  
My mercy thou didst much abuse,  
And all good counsel didst refuse,  
Justice will therefore vengeance take,  
And thee a sad example make.

YOUTH.

O spare me, Lord, forbear thy hand,  
Don't cut me off who trembling stand,  
Begging for mercy at thy door,  
O let me have but one year more.

CHRIST.

If thou some longer time should have,  
Thou wouldst again to folly cleave:  
Therefore to thee I will not give,  
One day on earth longer to live.

*Death.*

Youth, I am come to fetch thy breath,  
And carry thee to th' shades of death,  
No pity on thee can I show,  
Thou hast thy God offended so.  
Thy soul and body I'll divide,

Thy body in the grave I'll hide,  
And thy dear soul in hell must lie  
With Devils to eternity.

*The conclusion.*

Thus end the days of woful youth,  
Who won't obey nor mind the truth;  
Nor hearken to what preachers say,  
But do their parents disobey.  
They in their youth go down to hell,  
Under eternal wrath to dwell.  
Many don't live out half their days,  
For cleaving unto sinful ways.

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*The late Reverend and Venerable Mr. NATHANIEL CLAP, of Newport on Rhode Island; his Advice to children.*

**G**OOD children should remember daily,  
God their Creator, Redeemer, and  
Sanctifier; to believe in, love and serve him;  
their parents to obey them in the LORD;  
their bible and catechism; their baptism;  
the LORD's day; the LORD's death and re-  
surrection; their own death and resurrecti-  
on; and the day of judgment, when all that  
are not fit for heaven must be sent to hell.  
And they should pray to GOD in the name  
of CHRIST, for saving grace.













